

## **THANK YOU**

FOR YOUR COURAGE, VISION AND INVESTMENT!

When the Legislature established the Washington State Family Policy Council Community Networks in 1994, you paved the way for health and safety for generations to come

Your vision to replace silos with shared risk and responsibility now produces enduring results throughout the state. *Every dollar invested*:

- Unleashes the power of democracy, engages citizens, and generates non-cash resources to solve child abuse and neglect, youth substance abuse and other expensive social problems.
- Reduces the rates of multiple social problems.
- Attracts \$7 from others, including the federal government, business and non-profits.

Because of your courage, vision and investment, Washington now benefits from a mature infrastructure, the People's Infrastructure. And you can build on it to meet today's tough social and economic challenges.

UNDERSTANDING THE ROAD AHEAD IS ROUGH, WE THE PEOPLE ARE HERE TO HELP.

## **RESEARCH PROVES**

EFFECTIVENESS AND VALUE OF LEGISLATURE'S APPROACH

Family Policy Council Community Public Health and Safety Networks *reduce the rates of multiple high cost social problems simultaneously*, according to new research that compares counties with a Network to those without.

Throughout our state, Community Networks bring rates down because they are funded to generate:

- Shared community focus,
- Community learning and improvement,
- Local leadership development, and
- Shared responsibility for results.

Researchers found that reductions in child abuse and neglect, youth violence and other major social problems are more strongly correlated to Community Networks than to race, poverty, other grant programs or other factors typically examined.

"It would be a mistake to cut funding for Washington State's community public health and safety networks. Community prevention coalitions... save taxpayer money." - J. David Hawkins, Ph.D., 11/24/08

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## FAMILY POLICY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY NETWORKS

## STUNNING SUCCESS FROM A SMALL INVESTMENT

The People's Infrastructure For Health, Safety & Economic Vitality

